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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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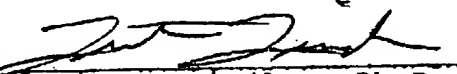
I, Luther Lindler, Ph.D., hereby declare that I am an inventor of the invention disclosed and claimed in the cited application, and that I am a research scientist employed by the United States Army.

I declare that the cited invention was conceived by myself and my co-inventors before the publication of the reference identified as "Debbarh" which appeared in Veterinary Microbiology 44 (1995).

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement and the like so made may jeopardize the validity of this patent application and any patent that issues therefrom.

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